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Claims 1-98 were restricted under 35 USC § 121 as follows:

- I. Claims 1-2 and 29-31 are said to be drawn to a method for improving the uniformity of a wet coating on a substrate and a method for coating a moving web, classified in Class 427, subclass 359;
- II. Claims 26 and 28 are said to be drawn to a method for coating a moving web, classified in Class 427, subclass 359;
- III. Claims 32-98 are said to be drawn to an improvement station and a coating apparatus, classified in Class 118, subclass 110.

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